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BY ECF

The Honorable Colleen McMahon
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: *U.S. ex rel. Kester v. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.*, 11 Civ. 8196 (CM) (JCF)

Dear Judge McMahon:

This Office represents the United States of America (the "United States") as a plaintiff in the above-referenced civil fraud action. In accordance with the Court's direction at last Friday's discovery conference, we write respectfully on behalf of the United States and the eleven Litigating States to advise the Court that counsel for the United States and for the Litigating States are available to try the Myfortic and Exjade claims in this case at any time before April 2016 other than (i) from August 24 to September 4, 2015, and (ii) from December 21, 2015, to January 11, 2016.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this letter.

Respectfully,

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By: _____/s/

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